

**REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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| Application Number:   | 09/669,082               |
| Filing Date:          | 9/25/2000                |
| First Named Inventor: | Richard L. Scopp, et al. |
| Group Art Unit:       | 1641                     |
| Examiner Name:        | Pensee T. Do             |
| Attorney Docket No.   | ABB1207P0860US           |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously-filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
  - a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_.
    - ii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. ☒ Enclosed:
    - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
    - iv. ☒ Other: One-Month Petition For Extension Of Time.
2. **Miscellaneous.** Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of:
  - a. ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
  - b. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fees.** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

| Small Entity                      |                                  |                            |              |            |          | Large Entity |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|--------------|----------------|
| For                               | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Claims Previously Paid For | Extra Claims | Rate       | Fee      | Rate         | Fee            |
| Basic Fee                         |                                  |                            |              |            | \$385.00 | OR           | \$770.00       |
| Total Claims                      | 17                               | 26                         |              | x \$9.00   | \$       | OR           | x \$18.00 \$   |
| Indep. Claims                     | 6                                | 6                          |              | x \$43.00  | \$       | OR           | x \$86.00 \$   |
| Multiple Dependent Claims Present |                                  |                            |              | + \$145.00 | \$       | OR           | + \$290.00 \$  |
| TOTAL                             |                                  |                            |              |            | \$       | OR           | TOTAL \$770.00 |

☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.

- i. ☐ RCE filing fee  
☐ Extension of time fee  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

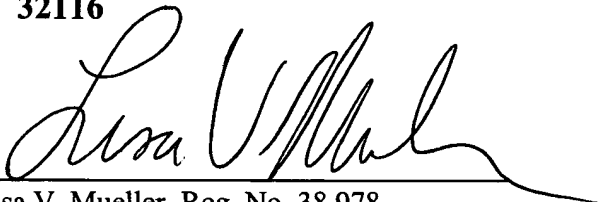
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Date: July 20, 2004

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL**

I hereby certify that this Request For Continued Examination Transmittal and any other documents referred to as enclosed herein, are being deposited in an envelope with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated below and addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

Applicant: Richard L. Scopp, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/669,082

Filed: September 25, 2000

For: METHODS AND KITS FOR DECREASING  
INTERFERENCES IN PLASMA OR SERUM  
CONTAINING ASSAY SAMPLES OF SPECIFIC  
BINDING ASSAYS


Attorney Docket No.: 6734.US.01

Examiner: Pensee T. Do

Group Art Unit: 1641

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Aidah Abdallah

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop RCE  
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Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in connection with the Office Action mailed on April 7, 2004 in the above-identified application. A one-month extension of time to respond is request, and the fee therefore accompanies this paper. A Request for Continued Examination is also requested, and the fee therefore accompanies this amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 23-0785 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.